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SUBJ: MEDIA WORKERS VERSUS GOA

1. IN AUG 6 PLENARY MEETING PRINTERS FEDERATION (FGV) RESOLVED TO HOLD GENERAL STRIKE AUG 8 TO PRESS DEMANDS FOR JOB RECLASSIFICATION AND OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS AND IN REPUDIATION ATTEMPTED BOMBING FGB HEADQUARTERS AND POLICE "HARASSMENT" FEDERATION MEMBERS DURING FUNERAL DEPUTY ORTEGA PENA. FGB STRIKE ACTION, WHICH WILL PREVENT PUBLICATION ALL AUG 8 NEWSPAPERS, IS IN OPEN DEFIANCE MINLABOR WARNING THAT FEDERATION WOULD LOSE ITS LEGAL STATUS IF SUCH ACTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT.

2. ON AUG 6 MINLABOR INTERVENED BA PRESS WORKERS ASSOCIATION (APBA) AND CANCELLED UNION ELECTIONS WHICH WERE TO BEGIN AUG 7. MINISTERIAL DECISION WAS BASED ON FACT THAT "UNION HAD NOT COMPLIED WITH STATUTES REQUIRING ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BY JULY 31". APBA SEC GEN ENRIQUE TORTOSA CLASSIFIED MINLABOR ACTION AS "ARBITRARY AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AS ELECTIONS ARE ONLY FEW DAYS OVERDUE". APBA, WHICH REPRESENTS ALL PRESS WORKERS WITH EXCEPTION PRINTERS, WHO ARE AFFILIATED WITH FGB, HAS CONVOKED

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UNION GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR AUG 7 TO DETERMINE RESPONSE TO

MINISTERS ACTION.

3. COMMENT: FGB ACTION NOT UNEXPECTED AS ITS LEADER, LEFTIST PERONIST RAIMUNDO ONGARO HAS REPEATEDLY INDICATED HIS INTENTIONS TO DEFY GOA. APBA LEADERSHIP CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNIST PARTY AND AFFILITATED WITH TROTSKYITE AGUSTIN TOSCO LED COMBATIVE INTER-UNION MOVEMENT. BOTH FGB AND APBA HAVE ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR CORDOBA SMATA UNION POSITION ON ITS CURRENT DISPUTE AT IKA-RENAULT. THERFORE, COMBATIVE INTER-UNION MOVEMENT AFFILIATES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SUPPORT FGB AND APBA IN THEIR OWN CONFRONTATION WITH GOA. LABOR CONFLICT IS UNDOUBTEDLY ON THE UPSWING, AND THE GOA WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO KEEP THE LID ON IN THE FORTHCOMING WEEKS AND MONTHS.

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